

courts of law or equity in the State to prove the conveyance of the land therein described to the purchaser therein named from and by the said Johanna J. Zeelt.

Sec. 2. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Pella Week Blad and State Register, papers published in Pella and Des Moines, Iowa; *provided*, such publication be without expense to the State. Taking effect.
No cost to State.

Approved April 6, 1868.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in *Pella's Weekblad* April 13, 1868, and in the *Daily State Register* April 14, 1868.

ED WRIGHT, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 91.

PLANS FOR NEW STATE HOUSE, AND REPAIRS ON CAPITOL.

AN ACT Authorizing the Census Board to procure Plans and Specifications for a State House, and Making Appropriation for Repairs on the Capitol Building. APRIL 6.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That the Census Board of the State shall constitute a Board of Commissioners for the purposes of this act. Census Board a board of commissioners.

SEC. 2. Said board shall advertise for at least twenty days in two daily newspapers of this State, and in one newspaper in each of the cities of Chicago, New York, and Philadelphia, for plans and specifications for a State capital, to be erected on the Capitol Square, at the capitol of the State, to be built of the most fit and durable material, and to be constructed fire-proof. They are hereby authorized to offer in such proposition as they deem best, for the three most approved plans and specifications, of those that shall be submitted to them: Board to advertise for plans, &c., for new State House.
Fire-proof. Estimates to be based on cost of:

- 1st. Plans based on a cost of one million dollars. \$1,000,000;
 - 2d. Plans based on a cost of one and one-half million dollars. \$1,500,000;
 - 3d. Plans based on a cost of two million dollars: \$2,000,000.
- and such plans and specifications shall become the property of the State.

Sec. 3. Said commissioners shall advertise that they will receive specimens of stone of such dimensions as they shall determine from such quarries within this State as is desired to be tested for that purpose, and may pay a reasonable sum for the transportation of the same to them; and, upon their reception, they may cause the said specimens to be tested as to their fitness, to their entire satisfaction, by all the known means to prove their durability, color, and quality, as well chemically *and* [as] mechanically, and by exposure to sun and freezing; and shall give the relative cost of the different kinds or specimens, in respect to first cost and cost of transportation, with any other facts they may deem necessary.

Specimens of stone from quarries in State.

Stone to be tested.

Sec. 4. There is hereby appropriated the sum of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purposes contemplated in the second and third sections of this act.

\$5,000 appropriated.

Sec. 5. There is hereby appropriated the further sum of fifteen thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the construction of a fire-proof vault, and making such other repairs as in their judgment may be necessary and requisite to render the present capitol building fit for the purposes for which it is used, until a new capitol building shall be erected and completed.

\$15,000 appropriated for fire-proof vault and repairs on capitol.

Sec. 6. Said board shall report to the next General Assembly all their doings under the provisions of this act, together with the plans and specifications selected by them.

Board to report to next General Assembly.

Approved April 6, 1868.

CHAPTER 92.

ENCOURAGING GROWTH OF TREES AND HEDGES.

APRIL 6. AN ACT to Encourage the Planting and Growing of Timber, Fruit Trees, Shade Trees, and Hedges.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That there shall be exempt from taxation, [of] the real or personal property of each taxpayer, who shall, within the State of Iowa, plant and suitably cultivate one or more acres of forest trees for

Exemption from taxation.